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Applicant: NORMAN J. MACDONALD III AND PETER M. MACDONALD

Title: FIRE-SUPPRESSION SPRINKLER SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
INSTALLATION AND RETROFIT

The prior application is assigned of record to PNM, Inc., a Massachusetts corporation, by virtue of an assignment submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office and recorded on May 11, 1998 at Reel 9162, Frame 0245.

Enclosed are the following papers, including those required to receive a filing date under 37 CFR §1.53(b):

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Enclosures:

- Copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages), which was filed in the parent application. Please enter this into this application.
- Form PTO-1449, 2 pages, and Form PTO-892, 3 pages, listing documents cited in the parent applications. Please confirm that these have been considered in this application by returning a copy of the Forms PTO-1449 and PTO-892 with the examiner's initials.
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This application is a continuation and claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 120 of U.S. application serial numbers 09/076,078, filed May 11, 1998 and 09/700,297, filed November 13, 2000. This application also claims the benefit of priority under 35 USC 119 to PCT application serial number PCT/US99/10222, filed May 11, 1999. The disclosure of the prior applications are considered part of and are incorporated by reference in the disclosure of this application.

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